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Dexter's comments rile nurses union

Union says premier's funding statement is jeopardizing goodwill as the province heads into negotiations with nurses very soon

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CIRQUE ENTERS LIKE A DRALION

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Dante Adela performs as the element fire at the Cirque du soleil touring show Dralion at the Metro Centre on Wednesday night. Dralion runs through until Sunday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Parties look back, ahead after 1 year

Election anniversary.

Tories, New Democrats claim political victory

A year after the federal election both the Conservatives and New Democrats are claiming political victory — while a new poll suggests the two are actually in a dead heat.

But the third-place Liberals say neither should get too comfortable.

It was a day of looking back and looking forward as all three major parties marked the historic May 2, 2011, election, which returned the Tories with a majority government, saw the New Democrats surge into Opposition and the Liberals reduced to a rump third party.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned fellow Tory MPs not to rest on their laurels, but to keep working on the party's plans for prosperity.

"A majority mandate cannot change who we are and how we govern. Our values are our values, our commitments to Canadians must be honoured," he said.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper rises during question period in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

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"But our majority does give us the opportunity to look at the bigger picture and to focus on the longer term."

Harper said the financial crises of the last few years might not be a passing phenomenon for many countries and there's a historic shift in world economic power and wealth.

"We as Canadians must decide that we will be on the right side of that history," he said.

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Dexter's remarks threaten labour talks: Nurses' union

Collective bargaining.

Premier in turn calls his layoff comment 'blindingly obvious'



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Premier Darrell Dexter is jeopardizing good-faith bargaining on the eve of negotiations between 6,500 nurses and the province, the Nova Scotia Nurses' Union charged on Wednesday.

At issue is a comment Dexter made regarding an arbitrated settlement between Nova Scotia Government Employees Union Local 42, which represents 3,600 health-care professionals in the Capital Health district.

Dexter told reporters on Tuesday that, with a finite funding envelope and raises that will cost the province between \$3.3 million and \$4.9 million, the union could be facing layoffs.

"The fact that (Dexter) is musing that if we would expect the same raise that he and Capital Health gave to the registered nurses there, that

In talks

- The Nova Scotia Nurses' Union will begin bargaining with district health authorities and the IWK Health Centre in the coming months.

we wouldn't anticipate that? ... I don't just anticipate it, I expect it," NSNU president Janet Hazelton said.

But in response to questions from reporters and opposition parties on Wednesday, Dexter said he was simply pointing out the "blindingly obvious."

"You have a finite amount of money. If you have (wage) increases that are not supportable, then you have very few choices.

"As I said yesterday," he added, "we're going to support the budgets that have come forward from the district health authorities. I said yesterday as well that we would want to work with the employees, the district health authorities on some of the paths that we have already taken ... around merged services and finding efficiencies."

Registered nurses represented by the NSGEU may



Premier Darrell Dexter says that the province's limited resources, and an impending raise for Capital Health workers that could cost as much \$4.9 million, could spell bad news for a nurses union. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

have set the precedent for this fight. Previously, public-sector unions had been held to the one-one-one model: One per

cent raises each year for three years.

In October 2011, members of NSGEU Local 97 were awarded

an arbitrated settlement that will see their wages rise by 5.1 per cent in the final year of their contract.

F-35 review following shipbuilding model: Ambrose



Rona Ambrose
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The multibillion-dollar Halifax shipbuilding project will not be mired in the controversy afflicting the purchase of new fighter jets, Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose says.

That's because the awarding of shipbuilding contracts followed best practices from the get-go, she adds.

"With shipbuilding, we didn't have any of these problems," Ambrose told reporters in Halifax on Wednesday.

"A lot of what we're doing

A matter of trust

"Canadians need to have public confidence when we're dealing with a procurement of this complexity, cost and magnitude."

Rona Ambrose, Public Works minister

(to remedy the F-35 situation) is modelled after the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy Secretariat ... (and the) best practices that we should be following."

Auditor general Michael

Ferguson tabled a scathing report on the cost of the fighter-jet program last month, charging that the Conservatives lowballed the cost of the fighters by \$10 billion.

Ferguson estimates the

full cost to be about \$25 billion. The Department of National Defence disputes that figure.

Ambrose was in town to highlight four programs aimed at helping women and girls in rural and remote areas of Nova Scotia.

She will meet her provincial counterparts on Thursday for the 30th annual gathering of federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for the status of women.

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On the web

Homemade wine over groupies for Train

Backstage with the rock band Train before a performance may not be quite what you expect from a Grammy-winning, multiplatinum group. Instead of groupies, you'll find wineglasses and bottles of their latest hit, Train-made wine. Get the full story at metronews.ca

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Spinning, jumping is so spectacular with Cirque

Town circus.

Dralion being performed at the Metro Centre through Sunday



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Marie-Eve Bisson spins so fast in her aerial hoop, she blurs.

The five-foot-two acrobat from Quebec City said it's pretty much the same for her.

"I see nothing — it's too fast," she said Wednesday during a practice for the Cirque du soleil show Dralion at the Halifax Metro Centre.

"The last spin where I spin so quickly ... that I can't see anything, and the tricky part of it is to stop facing forward. I have a turn and a half to find myself and stop."

The 32-year-old acrobat started at a very young age with nine years of dance training and six years of gymnastics. She tried out the aerial hoop for Cirque 14 years ago, and now it's second nature.

"It's a lifelong process because I would not be able to do that if not for dance and gymnastics."

In Dralion, a show of east-meets-west, where the four elements (earth, air, wind and fire) learn to work in harmony, Bisson plays the fire woman.

"The main character of the fire is a man and he's a

Five-day run

- Cirque du soleil's Dralion began its five-day, eight-performance run Wednesday night at the Metro Centre. There is another show Thursday and then two performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

- Tickets are \$35 to \$80 for adults, and \$28 to \$65 for kids 12 and under.

warrior and very tough," Bisson explained. "When I get into the scene, he gets a little weaker and we play a seduction game."

Alejandro "Toro" Cuenca is also on the fire team, but his technique is not so much spinning as it is jumping off a nine-metre stage onto a trampoline. And throwing some tricks in there on the way down — and up. Two male trampolinists represent fire and the two women represent water in the show.

"I'm playing drums also," Cuenca said. Besides the clowns, and artists able to perform mind-bending (and body-bending) acts, Dralion also features several musicians and singers.

With almost four years with the Cirque under his belt, Cuenca said the 30-foot drop is nothing.

"In the beginning I was so afraid. I'm not afraid anymore," he said.

The 36-year-old Barcelona native started on the trampoline at the age of 11 and spent 20 years competing and



Amanda Orozco and Basile Dragon perform in the Cirque du soleil touring show Dralion at the Metro Centre on Wednesday night. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

training with the Spanish gymnastics team.

As an audience member, it may seem appropriate to be as quiet as possible so the performers aren't distracted. Don't, Cuenca said.

"For me, I really like when the audience starts screaming," he said.

"Sometimes we feel tired, maybe it doesn't show but we get tired, we are humans, so because of the audience sometimes I go 'yeah!' I've got the energy."



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Backstage

Preparing for just about anything

Backstage at the Cirque is an organized jumble.

Just past the kitchen where the chefs who travel with the show are preparing for a meal, is the wardrobe department.

Stacks and stacks of shelves and drawers are neatly labelled with items

like: horsehair, feathers and "wool-scooby doo."

"On the show you'll see there's a big lantern and we have to help the artists get into it because it's quite large," said Marilou Gagne, a Montreal native who has toured with Cirque for seven years.

The artists do their own makeup, but Gagne and her team set up the mirrors and make sure all 52 of the performers have everything they need.

Trucks bring the wardrobe department — 1,500 costume pieces and eight washing machines and dryers — to each city for Dralion.

Gagne makes sure all the costumes — averaging three ensembles per artist — are ready and the team is constantly mending them, sometimes minutes before the show.

"Anything can happen so we have to be ready."

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Painful

"The ring itself is metal and it's painful and leaves bruises and scratches."

Cirque performer Marie-Eve Bisson

Fisheries minister wants clarification from feds on vessel operation changes

Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Sterling Belliveau is asking his federal counterpart to clarify Ottawa's position on potential changes to the fishing industry.

Belliveau rose in the legislature Wednesday to ask for all-party support in asking Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield to explain where they

stand on fleet separation and owner-operator policies, which allow the owners of fishing vessels to also operate them.

"The separation of the independent (fishermen) is what made the economic engines that kept these communities viable," said Belliveau Wednesday.

"That is crucial." The Liberal caucus sug-

gested an all-party delegation be sent to Ottawa to press the matter. The Progressive Conservatives criticized the ministerial statement as being overly partisan.

But because all three parties were at pains to establish the fact they were the first to raise the issue, all-party support is unlikely.

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Sterling Belliveau METRO

Real estate. Changes may allow sales to be published

People in Nova Scotia would have access to information showing how much properties sold for under legislation proposed on Wednesday by the provincial government.

As it stands, Nova Scotia is the only province in Canada that does not allow the information to be published, except on a limited basis.

Municipal Relations Minister John MacDonell says the change to the Muni-

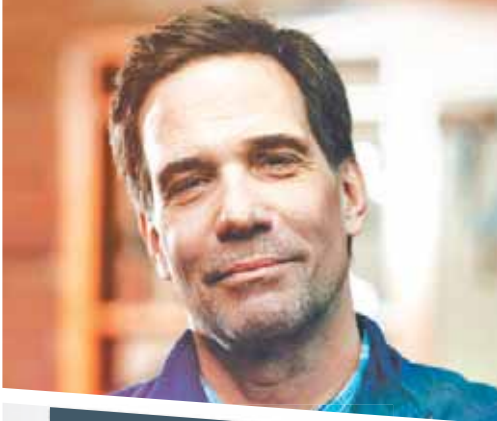
pal Government Act would make property sales more transparent.

MacDonell has also introduced amendments to the Assessment Act that would give homeowners more time to appeal property assessments.

Appeals must be filed within 21 days after assessment notices are mailed, but the change would extend the deadline to 31 days.

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UARB. Dexter promises Muskrat Falls review

Premier Darrell Dexter promised Wednesday he would introduce regulatory changes if necessary to ensure that the province's utility regulator has the authority to review the subsea link of the proposed Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project.

"If it requires that there is regulatory change to ensure that the project comes to the Utility and Review Board, we will see that is done," he told the legislature.

Dexter's commitment came hours after the Utility and Review Board's chairman said it would only be able to examine the subsea link if a utility it regulates, such as Nova Scotia Power, were to file an application for review.

Peter Gurnham told the legislature's public accounts committee that in the case of the \$1.2-billion subsea link between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, that would likely involve an application from the private utility company — not its parent company, Emera, which is beyond its jurisdiction.

"If it's to be built by somebody else ... then we would not have the jurisdiction to look at it," Gurnham told the committee.

Emera would fund the 180-kilometre link between



Andrew Younger RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Cape Ray, N.L., and Lingam, if the \$6.2-billion venture in Labrador is sanctioned.

A spokeswoman for Emera said an application for reviewing the subsea link would be submitted.

After his committee appearance, Gurnham said he received a briefing from Emera officials when a term sheet to develop the project was announced in late 2010 and they told him Nova Scotia Power would build the link.

Gurnham said he has no indication of when that would happen.

But Liberal committee member Andrew Younger said Gurnham's comments should raise concerns because if the subsea link is built by an entity other than Nova Scotia Power, the board would not get a chance to scrutinize it as Dexter has said it would. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Citadel High. Police say gun call at school a hoax

Police say reports of someone with a gun at Citadel High School on Wednesday turned out to be pure fiction.

Just after noon, police received a third-hand report that someone might be carrying a gun at the school.

Const. Brian Palmetter with Halifax Regional Police said officers then arrested a male youth allegedly in possession of a handgun, but no weapon was found. The person in custody was not a student at the school, he added.

After an investigation, Palmetter said the information provided turned out to be a hoax and that the youth wasn't in possession of a gun.

He has since been released without charges.

"We are comfortable to say the information wasn't accurate and the person at the school didn't have a gun," Palmetter said.

"It's an unfortunate waste of resources," he added. "A case like this we obviously have to respond.... We tied up a number of resources in a case where resources weren't needed."

Police say they know where the original information came from and are investigating whether charges for misleading police are warranted.

They won't say who made the call, but added the caller was told the incorrect information from another source and then contacted police thinking it was a legitimate complaint.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO



A police car is parked outside of Citadel High School on Wednesday afternoon. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

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Correction

Marvin Moore of the Shambella Sun took a photo of Raymond Taavel that ran in Wednesday's Metro Halifax. The photo was incorrectly sourced in the story "Hospital will not assess accused."

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Civil service

NDP accused of deception over jobs

Nova Scotia Conservatives say the government misled the public this week when it announced a plan to relocate some civil-service jobs from Halifax to rural areas.

The government said Monday it was moving 93 positions from Halifax, including 25 workers with a Justice Department program that collects court-ordered spousal- and child-support payments.

But Tory Leader Jamie Baillie said a number of the jobs in that program are actually coming from offices in Kentville, New Glasgow and Amherst.

"The government should say what it is really doing ... to pitch that this is all about

moving jobs from Halifax to rural Nova Scotia when at least in this case that's not true," Baillie told reporters.

Premier Darrell Dexter said Wednesday there had been a plan to move those positions to Halifax, but that idea was scrapped in favour of relocating them to New Waterford. He insisted the government was up-front about its plans.

"We have said exactly where those jobs come from and where they are going to," said Dexter.

"They (the Tories) are picking on the fact that there is a fairly small number of jobs in other parts of Nova Scotia that were going to be consolidated that are now going to Cape Breton."

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Crime

Drug charges laid

Police arrested a 46-year-old man after a traffic stop in Halifax on Wednesday.

Officers stopped a vehicle on Barrington Street near Prince Street at 12:30 a.m. A search resulted in the seizure of cocaine, marijuana and cash.

Douglas Arthur Kosinsky of Dartmouth is facing drug-trafficking charges.

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Moose look to score fans from playoff run

Attendance. Team enjoyed three-straight sellout games



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The season may be over hockey-wise for the Halifax Mooseheads, but the organization is hoping to capitalize on the huge influx of fans for next season.

That starts with season tickets, and the club building on last year's figure in the low 3,000s.

"There's definitely people excited about next season," said Brian Urquhart, the team's vice-president of business operations. "Having a playoff run like

Quoted

"They finally have someone to cheer for again."

Colin Grant, manager of Midtown Tavern and Grill, on fans being in love with the Mooseheads again

we had is a two-prong effect: It helps business for this year and for next year as well."

Halifax was bounced from the playoffs when they lost Game 6 to the Rimouski Oceanic in overtime on Sunday night. For all three home dates in that series, the Metro Centre was filled to capacity — 10,595 strong.

Overall, in eight playoff home dates, the Mooseheads drew an average of 9,065 fans, well above its regular-season

average of 6,608.

Over the next several weeks leading up to the QMJHL draft, Urquhart said the team will be heavily promoting its season-ticket packages and 15-game packs, hoping not just to draw new fans but also to bring back the ones they already have.

Thanks to Moose fever returning after back-to-back losing seasons, businesses around the Metro Centre also enjoyed a brisk trade during the playoffs, with fans hitting bars and restaurants before and after each home game.

"We did have a lot more, we were always busy," said Colin Grant, manager of the Midtown Tavern and Grill. "The whole downtown core noticed a difference."



The MorphMen spur on the crowd during Game 2 of the Mooseheads QMJHL semifinal game against the Rimouski Oceanic last month. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Viral video. Cabbie who allegedly ran over man gets bail, can drive again

A taxi driver who allegedly ran over a man in a dramatic incident seen on a YouTube video is now allowed to get back behind the wheel.

A judge granted bail Wednesday to Guercy Edmond, while fellow cabbies crowded around the Montreal courthouse and greeted the decision by ceremoniously honking their horns.

The 47-year-old taxi driver was released after a hearing where details emerged about his highly publicized case. There were allegations of a racially charged encounter with three intoxicated clients that supposedly escalated during a ride in the wee hours Sunday.

After hearing the testimony a judge declared that Edmond — who is accused of four crimes, including hit-and-run — clearly acted in panic.

The judge scolded the prosecution for keeping the man in jail since the weekend, and also chided it for failing to produce any video evidence in court.

The judge fumed that even he had seen the images, on TV, and expressed exasperation



A sign of support is posted on a windscreen as taxi drivers gather outside a Montreal court.

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tion that they hadn't been filed as evidence.

While awaiting his next court date Edmond can continue driving a cab, under several conditions.

He must refrain from picking up fares between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. in the sector of downtown Montreal where the alleged incident occurred.

His wife signed an undertaking for \$3,000 bail and Edmond also agreed to not have any contact with three people involved in the altercation, including the man who suffered serious injuries.

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Convicted murderer Ronald Smith becomes emotional during his Montana clemency hearing Wednesday. MICHAEL GALLACHER/THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killer weeps as sis pleads for his life

Her words of love.

'I honestly do not know what I'd do without my brother by my side,' she says of death-row Canadian

A daughter's sadness

"I've seen a man who has many regrets about the things he has done. He shows his remorse in his eyes and in his voice.... I wish I could take away that pain."

Carmen Blackburn, Ronald Smith's daughter.

vering.

"I can't bear the thought of losing another brother and I'm sorry if this sounds selfish." She asked people in the packed courtroom to put themselves in her place.

Originally from Red Deer, Alta., Smith, 54, has been on death row since shooting Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man Jr. near East Glacier, Mont., 30 years ago.

Smith is asking the Board of Pardons and Parole to recommend his death sentence be commuted.

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The easy rider. Harley floats across Pacific to B.C. after Japan tsunami

Call it the Harley of the high seas.

A rust-encrusted Harley-Davidson motorcycle, made buoyant by the container in which it was stored, has washed up on an island off British Columbia after it was lost in last year's tsunami in Japan.

It floated over the 6,400 kilometres after the devastating wave washed across the Japanese shoreline in March last year.

"This is unmistakably mine," the bike's owner, Ikou

A wave of awe

Canadian Peter Mark says he can't believe "something like that would make it across the Pacific."

He found the bike and its container

Yokoyama, told a Japanese TV station after he was located through the licence plate and shown photos of his ride.

Headed: "It's miraculous."

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Blue vs. orange

Tories, NDP tied, poll suggests

A new poll suggests the federal Conservatives and NDP are in a statistical tie for voter support.

The Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey taken last week indicates the NDP has 33 per cent support while the Tories have 30 per cent.

The new poll suggests Liberal support is still hovering around the 18 per cent mark.

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Looking ahead

Watch us in 2015, says NDP chief

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says his party is ready to make the leap to government in 2015.

Mulcair is marking the first anniversary of his party's historic election breakthrough, which propelled it to official Opposition status.

He says the Conservative government is on the defensive and the NDP can capitalize on that.

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The only Canadian on death row in the United States broke down and cried at his clemency hearing in Montana on Wednesday.

Ronald Smith, who shot and killed two men in 1982, lost control when his sister

Rita Duncan read a letter he'd written to their mother after her death last year.

Smith covered his eyes, brushed away tears and was patted on the shoulder by his lawyer.

Duncan said although

she shut Smith out of her life for years, he has always loved her and she is proud to be his sister.

"I honestly do not know what I would do without my brother by my side," said Duncan, her voice quav-



Conrad Black has been granted a one-year residence permit.

TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM, Mulcair trade Black barbs

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair sparred Wednesday over ... Conrad Black.

Mulcair accused the Conservative government of giving special treatment to Black by agreeing to let him return to Canada after he is released from a U.S. prison this week.

But Harper said the government would be just as

happy if the disgraced media baron had been denied entry to Canada.

Harper said the decision to admit Black was taken by public servants, not politicians.

"There has been no involvement of anyone on the political side of government in this," Harper said in question period in the Commons.

Mulcair, however, asked: "Conrad Black is a British citizen, he is still in a U.S. jail, he was convicted of serious crimes in the United States. Why is he being given special treatment?"

Black spent several years in a Florida prison after fraud and obstruction of justice convictions.

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ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO PHOTOS

IT'S BACK, IT'S DIFFERENT, IT'S BETTER!

A staple of Nova Scotian culture, the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo begins July 1 and will run for eight shows this year.

"This year, we have three major themes," says Leah Whitehead, the marketing manager for the Tattoo.

These themes are Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, the War of 1812, and commemorating the sinking of the Titanic.



TATTOO TICKETS

Tickets are available at the Halifax Metro Centre box office and Ticket Atlantic outlets, by phone at 451-1221, or online at nstatattoo.ca and ticketatlantic.com.

"Those three themes are things that are of interest to our audience base and should be educational for old and young alike, but will also be colourful, big and musical," says Whitehead. "This is the way the Tattoo likes to do things."

Celebrating its 34th year, the Tattoo was first held in 1979 to mark the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to Nova Scotia for the International Gathering of the Clans. It has been held every year since and was granted Royal Status in 2006 on the occasion of the Queen's 80th birthday.

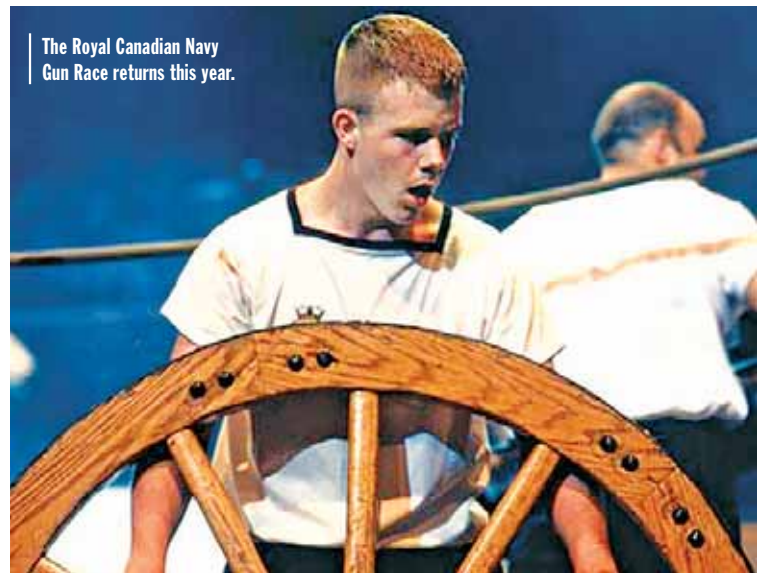
The Tattoo features amazing entertainment highlighted by pipes and drums, marching bands, hundreds of musicians, acrobats, dancers and military competitions, including a return of the Navy Gun Race. It is now the world's largest annual indoor show with about 2,000 performers this year.

"It has a little bit of everything," says Whitehead, noting the show lasts a total of two and a half hours.

With most scenes lasting a maximum of five minutes each, and some as short as 30 seconds, the show remains fresh.

"There's always something exciting to see," says Whitehead. "The show is extremely fast paced and it's ideal for families."

During its eight-day run, the Tattoo offers one show daily, and this year, there are four matinees. There will also be free noontime performances by Tattoo participants throughout Metro that will help the event be celebrated by the



The Royal Canadian Navy Gun Race returns this year.

entire community.

The show is a perfect fit given Nova Scotia's strong military and Celtic heritage. This year's show will even feature a kitchen party.

"Nova Scotians are known for our music and parties and there will be a little bit of both in this year's show," says Whitehead.

To learn more, visit nstatattoo.ca.

AN INTERNATIONAL LINEUP OF TALENT

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo features exceptional talent from around the world. Besides the incredible Canadian performers, the Tattoo will welcome the following groups:

- Estonia — Club Piruett
- France — The Gymnastics Display Team of the Paris Police
- Germany — Heeresmusikkorps 1

and The Flying Grandpas

- Switzerland — Swiss Army Central Band, Swiss Army Drum Display, D'Holmikers and Mels
- United Kingdom — Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force and Fanfare Trumpet Team
- United States — Band of America's Few

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Accused of cover up

Cardinal Brady won't resign

The leader of Ireland's Catholics said Wednesday he won't resign after a BBC documentary accused him of helping to cover up 1970s child abuse committed by a priest.

Cardinal Sean Brady said the documentary exaggerated his role in the 1975 interviews of two teenage boys abused by a priest. Brady said he gave his report, as instructed, to his bishop, who had responsibility.

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French election

Sarkozy accuses his opponent of 'lying'

French President Nicolas Sarkozy repeatedly accused his leftist challenger Francois Hollande of lying as they faced off in a much anticipated debate Wednesday ahead of the presidential election.

The heated comments reflected the intensity of the contest, especially for Sarkozy, who is lagging in the polls ahead of Sunday's vote. The debate is seen as the sharp-tongued Sarkozy's last chance to lure voters behind his bid for a second term.

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A woman signs her name as a show of support for blind Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng during an event, in Hong Kong on Wednesday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Activist wants to leave China

Chen Guangcheng. Blind Chinese legal activist wants to leave China, fears for his family, despite American brokered agreement

The blind Chinese activist at the centre of a six-day diplomatic tussle between the U.S. and China said he fears for his family's lives and wants to leave China, hours after American officials announced an agreement with Beijing that was to guarantee his safety.

Chen Guangcheng escaped

from illegal house arrest and other mistreatment in his rural town, placing himself under the protection of U.S. diplomats last week.

On Wednesday, after six days holed up inside the American embassy, he emerged and was taken to a nearby hospital.

U.S. officials said they had extracted from the Chinese government a promise that Chen would reunite with his family and be allowed to start a new life in a university town.

Chen's flight into the protection of U.S. diplomats in Beijing last week had created a delicate diplomatic crisis for Washington and Beijing.

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The path of the dissident

Never come back

Chinese dissidents know their influence can fade after they leave the country, and they face the possibility of never coming home.

Wei Jingsheng: The democracy activist was a soldier and electrician whose faith in China's communist order was shaken by Mao Zedong's ruinous policies.

Wei spent a total of 17 years in prison for urging reforms.

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Brutal hazing. Drum major pummelled to death, 13 charged

Thirteen people were charged Wednesday in one of the biggest college hazing cases ever prosecuted in the U.S.

They were accused in the death of a Florida A&M University drum major who authorities say was mercilessly pummeled by fellow members of the marching band.

The charges came more than five months after Robert Champion, 26, died aboard a chartered bus parked outside an Orlando hotel following a performance against a rival school.

Quotable

"The death ... is nothing short of an American tragedy."

State Attorney Lawson Lamar

The most sensational cases of hazing have typically involved fraternities, sororities or athletic teams, but tragedy in November exposed a brutal tradition among marching bands at colleges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newt Gingrich. Officially ends his comeback campaign for president

Newt Gingrich officially ended his campaign on Wednesday, and President Barack Obama's re-election campaign released a web video of clips from the Republican primaries in which the former House speaker sharply criticized Mitt Romney — Obama's likely opponent in November.

Facing a tight race, Obama's campaign put forward Gingrich's anti-Romney messages on issues from immigration to the presumptive nominee's tenure as a venture capitalist.



Former Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich. AP

Gingrich led Republicans out of 40 years of minority status in the lower house but later resigned under an ethics cloud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



More plastic coming to Canadian wallets

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, right, and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney show off the new \$20 bank bill during a ceremony in Ottawa on Wednesday. A mural of the new plastic \$20 bill is on the side of the Bank of Canada building behind them. The Bank of Canada unveiled the new \$20 polymer bank note Wednesday that will replace the current paper-cotton bills. Gone from the back of the bill are the depictions of Canadian artist Bill Reid's sculptures Raven and the First Men and The Spirit of Haida Gwaii. In their place are the Canadian National Vimy Memorial and clusters of red poppies. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black's future in business uncertain

Prison release. Black, critics express doubt about the media baron's return to the media business

When former media baron Conrad Black is released from prison this week, he returns to a media landscape far different from the one he walked away from a decade ago.

Whether he will want to jump back into the world he once dominated is unknown, but those who have followed his rise and fall from grace say Black could still wield influence, though likely not at a public company.

Black himself has indicated he's done with the type of scrutiny that comes with running a publicly traded company following the demise of Hollinger International Inc.

"The regulators, the minority shareholders, all that crap. Oh, I can't stand it," he told Vanity Fair in an interview before re-

Hollinger Inc.

"The regulators, the minority shareholders, all that crap. Oh, I can't stand it."

Baron Conrad Black
On running Hollinger International Inc.

turning to jail last August to serve the remaining nine months of his prison term.

Karl Moore, a professor at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management, said Black is unlikely to be involved in a publicly traded company, but he could quietly act as a consultant or adviser.

"I think there might be some business people — you know former colleagues or former peers — that might be willing to do some business with him because he has a very sharp mind," Moore said.

"I suspect if he were going back in business it would be maybe in private equity or the advising business."

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Good Timing

When Hollinger sold the bulk of its Canadian newspapers in 2000, the industry had yet to see its business radically transformed by the Internet. Canwest Global, the broad-

casting giant that bought the bulk of Black's Canadian holdings, has been dismantled and sold off in pieces with the newspapers now held by Postmedia Network.

RIM CEO defends keypad

Chief executive Thorsten Heins says RIM will continue to offer devices with its popular physical keypad.

Heins told media at the BlackBerry World conference in Orlando on Wednesday that, despite rumours to the contrary, its new line of BlackBerrys due for release later this year will include both touchscreens and keypads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I've been enamoured lately with various best-selling books of factoids such as Schott's Miscellany, the Farmers Almanac and John's Bathroom Reader (no relation), and how, despite

their diversity of information, they all come back to one key factoid: I want a best-selling book, too.

So I've begun collecting information about Canada — both interesting and oddball — that I might present the Canadian All-manac, where one can learn everything from the name of Canada's first secretary general to Nellie McClung's best-selling album. For the small sample of text I provide below, a small donation is appreciated and mandatory.

What people from various Canadian places are called:

- Cornwall: Cornwallas
- Leduc: Leducs of Earl
- Kenora: Kenoraephrons
- Medicine Hat: Pillboxers
- Dawson Creek: Vanderbeeks
- Grand Prairie: Newfoundlanders
- Toronto: Empty inside

The most popular Canadian pickup lines:

"Condoms if necessary, but not necessarily condoms."
"General Wolfe would have pulled through if he'd seen you."
"It's been 172 years. Time for another Act of Union?"
"Hey, baby, you want to see my Head of State?"

Reasons Canadian prescription drugs are restricted in the U.S.:

- Canadian drugs include the evil gateway drug medicinal marijuana.
- There is no way to tell what's actually in the bottle because the labels are written in Canadian.
- Buying cheaper drugs from another country is just another sad example of "trying to be popular around the world because that would make sense and help our citizens."
- Canadian drugs could promote a polite, moderate lifestyle.

Most popular Canadian pastimes (non-hockey):

- Hockey.
- Nationality-hyphenating.
- Making love to a canoe.
- Mumbling O Canada.
- Historical re-enactments of the drafting of the Constitution Act of 1867. (I call George-Etienne Cartier!)
- Hating Canadian provinces you've never been to.
- Heritage moment drinking game! Drink if you hear, "I need these baskets back!" "Ahhh, Mr. Clarence, why doon't you just rread it, then?" and "Hey, buddy, he means the frigg'n' village."

Ways Canadian soldiers differ from American soldiers:

- Canadian snipers say "sorry" after every shot.
- Humanitarian packages consist of three beer, some maple syrup, and Rock 'Em Sock 'Em 18.
- Afghan poppy fields are razed but replaced with medicinal marijuana.
- Uniforms by Roots.

Failed Canadian tourism slogans:

Manitoba: I'd walk a mile for a neighbour!
Ontario: Ride the downward spiral!
New Brunswick: For the love of God, stop!
Newfoundlanders: Your favourite walks-into-a-bar jokes come to life!
Nunavut: Friends, frostbite and fun!
Saskatchewan: Flat is phat!

Popular Canadian adult films:

- Winniepeggers
- Oh, Canada!
- Debbie Does Drapeau
- They Call Him Avro Arrow
- Henderson Scores #8
- Goose!
- Ig-naughty-iff
- The Devil and Mrs. Lyon Mackenzie King
- Backdoor Legislation: A National Film Board joint
- DiefThroat

All eyes on the lens



MAURIZIO MALAGOLI/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Staring contest?

Owls spy with their little eyes

MODENA, ITALY. Amateur photographer and computer professional Maurizio Malagoli captured these little owls looking identically wide-eyed at the camera, after they were startled by an earlier picture being taken. Malagoli was left with this photograph, which shows the birds' yellow eyes in a perfect diagonal line.

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60 seconds



Maurizio Malagoli

Where did you capture this stunning image?

In Modena there is a sanctuary that tends to wounded animals

before they are released back into the wild. At night, owls are attracted by the headlights of cars and are often injured on the roads. I arrived there the day some owls were being released. I positioned myself among the trees, wore green camouflage and waited a couple of hours before the owls were close enough to photograph. Looking into the lens I saw nothing but yellow eyes looking at me with a curious expression. **METRO**

Trivia

Sacred in Greek culture

- Scientifically known as *athene noctua*, little owls are associated with Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom, who is often featured with them in ancient art. The Greek one-euro coin shows the same little owl design as the silver tetradrachm coin from 2,500 years ago.



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Looks like the soliciting "want to talk to me" people have hung up their paid charity Vests for now.

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@Mark_Black:

Another day, another amazing call about the massive levels of incompetence in government from Mike in Cape Breton on news 95.7 #Halifax



Youth Arts Week runs from May 1-7. CONTRIBUTED

Young people showcase variety of artistic talents

Youth Arts Week. Taking a creative step to connect community throughout the Halifax region



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Halifax joined cities across Canada this week with the kick-off of Youth Arts Week a new, creativity campaign.

Promoting and showcasing what youth are doing in their communities throughout the country, Leah Resnick, the community coordinator for Nova Scotia, is excited that the creative youth in our region will have their opportunity to shine.

"The initiative puts a spotlight on the artistic endeavors of our young people that often go uncelebrated," Resnick said. "We hope this will be a spring board for the future to get more youth involved — creating a movement in the arts."

To increase exposure to

Youth Arts Week

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- **Activities.** For more information on the performances and activities taking place throughout Youth Arts Week, visit youthartsweek.ca

our region's youth, Youth Arts Week aligned with the veteran Youth Week, also

from May 1 to 7.

This merger among the young provided an opportunity for HRM Community Arts Facilitator, Kate MacLennan, to broaden the brush strokes for those involved.

On Friday, the annual Youth Week Skate Jam will provide the perfect platform to unveil the Captain William Spry Centre Skate park mosaic.

"The skate park provides a space for a public art piece," MacLennan said of the opportunity.

"I hosted community meetings and brainstormed

themes and scenes to represent in the mosaic."

With the 47-foot mosaic wrapping around the skate park and into a nature trail, the community voted to include green materials.

"Thankfully, a frost-proof clay was made specially for us," MacLennan said.

"We took the clay to the skate park and told the kids to create impressions with their boards or bikes."

The remainder of the mosaic utilizes colourful pieces of glass that help highlight create an abstract interpretation of growth in nature.

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Scene in brief

YouTube adds less you, more tube

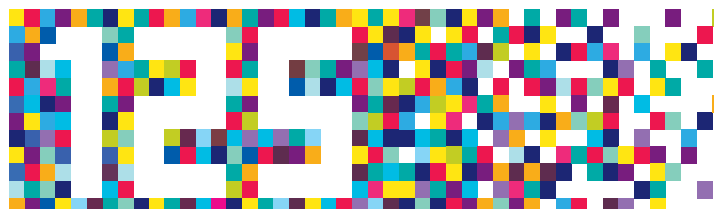
YouTube is adding to its original programming by launching channels specializing in female dramas and United States Olympic athletes. The Google-owned video site announced the new channels Wednesday ahead of an upfront presentation to advertisers. YouTube has sunk more than \$100 million into an ambitious project to lure audiences for longer viewings and attract advertisers with higher quality videos.

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On the web



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Norah Jones didn't set out to make a concept album but that's what she turned out. HANDOUT

Norah Jones nails concept album on Little Broken Hearts

New album. Singer partners with Danger Mouse and turns out a new level of music genius from a still young career

Norah Jones has a piano in her kitchen. You need look no further than this wonderfully off-kilter fact for a metaphor to describe the 33-year-old singer's evolution as she releases arguably the most interesting album of her career, *Little Broken Hearts*.

"It's nice because I have a music room, but you know it's like the office you never go in or the dining room you never go in or something," Jones said. "So I ended up putting this funky old piano in my kitchen and it's great."

Jones didn't set out to put a piano in her kitchen, of course. Much like her

Quote

"I just like how it's turned into sort of a bit of a concept album without any intentions of that's what we were going to. I'm proud that it ended up being what it is, going in knowing so little about what would happen. I love it."

Norah Jones
On making music

collaboration with producer Danger Mouse on *Little Broken Hearts*, it just kind of happened naturally.

"I just like how it's turned into sort of a bit of a concept album without any intentions of that's what we were going to do," Jones said. "I'm proud that it ended up being what it is, going in knowing so little

about what would happen. I love it."

Little Broken Hearts little resembles Jones' previous four solo albums, from the vampy cover photo to its lyrical content and vaguely psychedelic sound. It's edgy, effects-laden and deeply personal. She's written a few songs she felt were this personal before, especially on her 2009 album *The Fall*. But much of *Little Broken Hearts* centres on her life and the emotions you run through during relationship problems — from betrayal and indecision to healing and moving on.

The 12 songs on *Hearts* represent a true collaboration between Jones and Brian Burton, who produces under the name Danger Mouse. They mainly focus on a difficult breakup Jones went through, but she says Burton's fingerprints are all over the place and his ideas and lyrics transformed songs in unexpected ways.

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Ruffalo talks about the monster inside



Mark Ruffalo takes on the role of The Hulk in *The Avengers*, opening Friday. HANDOUT

The Avengers. Playing The Hulk is actor's latest challenge — besides fighting fame

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I meet Mark Ruffalo at a mid-town Toronto hotel to chat about *The Avengers* not realizing it represented a coming home of sorts for the actor. As we talked about playing the dual role of David Banner and his rage-a-holic alter ego The Hulk I mention one of his first television acting gigs, a guest spot on *Due South* shot in Hogtown. "I stayed at this hotel before it was revamped," he says. "It was pretty low-end back then."

Judging by the fancy-shmancy Lobster Grilled Cheese on the room service menu the hotel is in better shape these days, and so is

Ruffalo's career. The Oscar nominated actor is about to enjoy his biggest box office stint ever, despite having recently moved his family away from what he calls "the machinery" of Hollywood.

"Sometimes roles reflect where you are in your life," he says. "This came along and I tried to come up with every reason why I shouldn't do it, but I was still interested in it."

He saw a parallel between himself and the character. "I ran away like Banner. I have this beast that's inside me that is celebrity and fame. And this thing I have been on the run from has a tremendous amount of power, which if it is used right could actually have a positive effect in the world. And reach an audience."

That means making more of the kind of movies Ruffalo specializes in — indie dramas with real characters and situations. In the

meantime, however, he has a blockbuster to promote, which involves the drudgery of answering the same questions over and over again.

"The big one," he says, "which I think has been asked the most is 'Which superhero power would you have?' Basically you have a choice between flying and being invisible. Then Scarlett added teleporting, which I thought was a cool one. Now mine is to be able to turn into anything I wanted at any given moment."

He doesn't care much for having to answer those kinds of questions, but would jump at the chance to revisit the Hulk. "Let's do Planet Hulk! He won't let Banner have his body back! There's this huge existential fight going on. It's not The Hulk versus the World, it's the Hulk versus Banner and Banner versus the Hulk inside himself."



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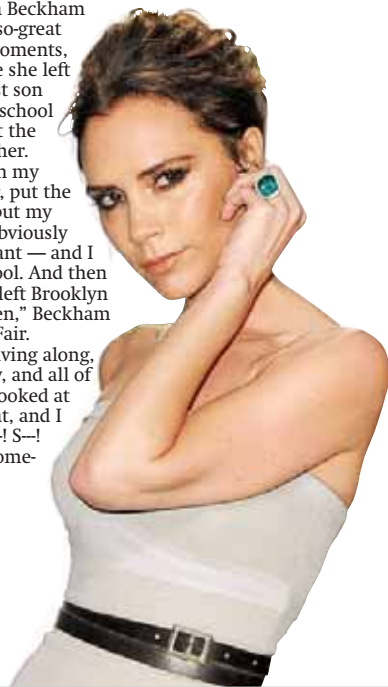
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Step your parenting game up Posh

Even famous mother of four Victoria Beckham has her not-so-great parenting moments, like the time she left to take eldest son Brooklyn to school — but forgot the kid all together.

"I jump in my Range Rover, put the car seat in, put my iPod on — obviously very important — and I drive to school. And then I realize, I'd left Brooklyn in the kitchen," Beckham tells Vanity Fair.

"I was driving along, talking away, and all of a sudden, I looked at the front seat, and I was like, 'S—! S—! I've forgot something!'"



Cowell: As humble as ever

Simon Cowell may not have wanted to keep Cheryl Cole on the U.S. edition of The X Factor, but he's more than happy to take credit for the success she's had in the U.K.

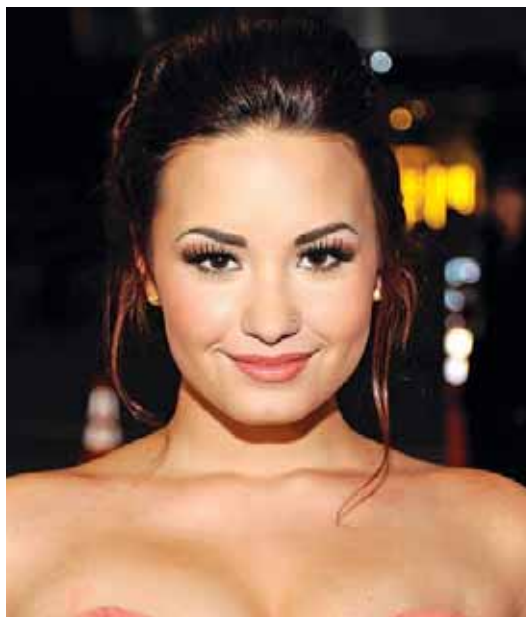
"Even though we went through that pretty horrible period, I could look Cheryl in the eye and say what I did for her in those two years propelled her into a different league," Cowell

tells GQ magazine, admitting that while the debacle with the U.S. show may have created some distance between them, he'd still be open to working together again.

"She was hurt. It all ended pretty badly, to be honest," he says. "I always said to her the door is permanently open. It's entirely up to her what she wants to do."

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The Word

Demi and Miley vie for last X Factor seat



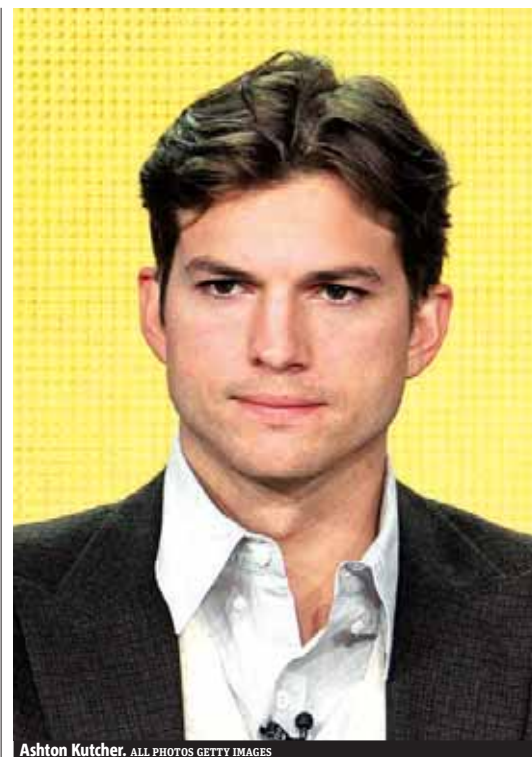
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With Britney Spears reportedly set to fill one of the empty judges' panel seats on The X Factor, it's a starlet faceoff for the final slot since former judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger were kicked off the show after its first season.

And according to conflicting reports, it looks like it's down to two former Disney stars.

Celebuzz.com reports that executive Simon Cowell has been considering Miley Cyrus for the spot, while The Hollywood Reporter insists that Demi Lovato is close to a deal — and even in the "final negotiations" stage of securing the job. I know this sounds, well, crazy, but if these ladies are to decide who has authentic talent on a national television show, why not find someone who actually writes their own music and isn't auto-tuned within an inch of their life?

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Ashton Kutcher. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kutcher brings in the big bucks

With a new deal reportedly in place, Ashton Kutcher will be returning for another season of Two and a Half Men, according to Deadline.

For next year's run — the popular sitcom's 10th season — Kutcher will reportedly bring in \$700,000

per episode, with co-star John Cramer making slightly less than Kutcher and young Angus T. Jones earning \$300,000 per episode. Each actor signed a one-year contract, sparking speculation that the 10th season could be the show's last.

Witherspoon flaunts her bump

While she hasn't yet made an official announcement about her pregnancy, Reese Witherspoon is doing little to hide the obvious.

The Oscar-winning actress was spotted out and about in her L.A. neighborhood this week in a thin, clingy purple dress, according to Radar Online. And this past weekend, Witherspoon and husband Jim Toth turned heads at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C., with her in a tight top that accentuated her growing bump.

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He's starting with the man in the mirror

Ladies, take a breather. The boys are learning how to shop

Don't be fooled by the old "my girlfriend bought me this" line.

Fashion insiders say men are taking a keen interest in how they dress — and that means developing their own shopping habits. The biggest difference in how they shop for clothes? Probably research — and purpose.

A Saturday at the shopping mall is not a highlight on most men's calendars, says Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions. Even when they're shopping online, they're not surfing many websites or coming back to them day after day, he says, but when they find something they like, they are passionate and potentially more loyal than women.

Call shopping "entertainment" and they're not buying it, but describing it as a "hobby" is something else, he says.

Men can "geek out" when it comes to the construction and even minutia of a gar-



Honey, did you pick that out yourself? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/PARKANDBOND.COM

ment. "I'm not just talking about a 'fashion guy.' For many men, your wardrobe is part of your program of discernment. They'll learn about it like a car or a wine or a watch," Thoreson says. "Guys can be busting each other's chops in one breath and

talking about soft construction on the shoulder of a suit in the next. They love construction, specs. It's about what's under the hood."

You now see men dressing for the life they want to lead and image they want to project, agrees Eric Jennings, vice-president and fashion director of menswear for Saks Fifth Avenue. Shopping and, even worse, trying things on are necessary evils to get there.

They go to stores on a mission and like to get it accomplished, he says.

They'll come in knowing exactly what they want and will buy in multiples. But, he adds, the modern customer is buying a broader range of products and sees a value in being knowledgeable about them.

Paul Grangaard, CEO of shoe brand Allen Edmonds, says when it comes to fashion, men are hunters and women are gatherers. Different methods, different mentalities, but both can end up with full closets, he says.

"Shopping is not a man's favourite when it's about waiting for women. It's not a leisure activity. Shopping for their own clothing isn't their favourite place, either, but there is a renaissance — it's small but steady — as men are interested in an upgrade," Jennings says. "Coming out of the recession, they know they have to take appearance more seriously. It can be that thing for a new job or a promotion."

And, he adds, if they're dressing well during the

Speaking of swagger

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Tyler Thoreson. Gilt Groupe

week, it's likely to become a habit on weekends.

"Men travel in herds, and when it's OK in your friendship group to care about how you look on the weekends,

it spreads pretty quickly," observes Grangaard. "Since the recession of 2008, you're

always net-

working. Men dress

better for midweek

coffees and

lunches and on

weekends because you

never know who you'll run

into where. You always

want to look secure, stable

and reliable."

It's hard to do that in beat-up jeans and running shoes.

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What's trending?

Tyler Thoreson says he looks around midtown Manhattan and quite literally sees a change.

- You see men — creative types and hipsters, not just bankers, he stresses — voluntarily wearing ties
- On Gilt's upscale Park & Bond

website, for example, neckwear sales increased 33 per cent in 2011 over the previous year. "They're wearing ties because they want to, not because they have to."

- Other booming items are pocket squares, Converse sneakers, tie clips and rope bracelets.

Paul Smith: 'I'm like a cocktail'

Studio visit. The fashion designer has 14 lines, an in-house team of 180 people and a ton of collectibles

KENYA HUNT

Metro World News in London

"I said something really stupid the other day," Sir Paul Smith says as we sit in his London office. "When asked about it, I told someone that I'm not really a collector. But I have large quantities of the same thing. Then I realized, that is actually a collector," he says laughing,

making the understatement of the year.

He's standing over an intimidating pile of autographed cycling jerseys given to him by famous racing champions (Smith is a long-time fan of the sport). That pile sits next to leaning towers of art and fashion books, numbering in the hundreds, which are in turn

surrounded by walls of bookshelves filled with everything from biographies and novels to toys, cameras, soccer balls and works of photography. Limited edition bicycles and rare works of art round it all out.

"I think you can tell from this office that my head is full of curiosity," he says. "I'm happy to have something that costs

50 pence or something from a famous person. In the same way, all of my collections are different and fun. Paul Smith is like a cocktail of many ingredients that are very intriguing to people," he says, once again playing things down a bit.

His brand is more like a jumbo smoothie — his building houses a total of 180 employees who design 26 collections a year across his 14 lines. Those numbers would make the average person's eyes glaze over.

During our time together, Smith greets every person he comes across by name, with a personal anecdote to boot. But Smith seems to operate best as a multitasker. "It's great for business because there's something for everybody."



"I have so much going on all the time it can be hard to follow, but it's also fantastic," says Smith.

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Style file

No Mother's Day for model

Please, no flowers for Christy Turlington Burns this Mother's Day. No chocolates and no last-minute, convenience-store cards, either.

A handmade craft from her children would be OK, but mostly what she wants is to have a conversation about the important role that mothers — and grandmothers and great-grandmothers, too — play in families and in larger communities all over the world.

"I never was more appreciative of my own mom and all the other moms out there than when I became one myself," said Turlington Burns, a model, businesswoman and documentary filmmaker, whose children are now six and eight years old. Her No Mother's Day Mother's Day is a way to draw attention to maternal mortality, the cause at the heart of the Every Mother Counts advocacy campaign she founded in 2010. It's also a way to get back to the basics and, hopefully, cut through "all the noise" that now comes with a holiday that the National Retail Federation estimates will come with an \$18.6 billion price tag in spending by Americans this year.

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On the Web



Exotic skins — real and faux — fuel interesting, luxurious style without going over the top.

Making waves

Beach fashion. Colours, prints, ruffles and lace highlight the trends for women's swimwear

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

If you thought women's fashion was exuberant this season — colours and prints! ruffles and lace! — then you should see this summer's swimwear.

Tracey Tomlinson, the Ontario sales rep for Roxy swimwear, outlined some of the top trends of the season for women.

Crochet

The fabric is a sexy twist on this season's obsession with retro, ladylike looks — and it's been selling like hotcakes, according to Tomlinson.

"Crochet has been phenomenal," she says, adding it can be worn many ways, from crochet details on the trim of a bikini to crochet all over. Yellow and black have been doing well, but white is the most-wanted colour by a long shot.

Mix and match

This makes it easier to find the right sizes separately for top and bottom, and mix colours and patterns, like neon with neutral or polka dots with stripes.

Body shapes

"A focus on new bodies" is on-trend right now,

says Tomlinson.

On the sexy side, Roxy has created a bustier bikini top for this season — a nod to lingerie. But at the same time it brought back the T-back bikini. It may look cute with gathered ruching and bead details, but it's ready for active pastimes like stand-up paddle boarding wherever, whenever, says Tomlinson.

Bandeau bikini tops also remain a strong trend. "I think girls just don't want the tan line," says Tomlinson.

Soft

When women shop, they tend to feel the fabric before they will commit to buying a garment, says Tomlinson.

"Girls tend to shop with their hands," she says.

Cute details

"That whole Coachella look," with handcrafted-looking details, is in style this season, says Tomlinson. Look for inserts made with crochet or lace, as well as fringe

Summer sizzlers

Three trends not to be missed:

- The '50s pin-up girl
- Animal prints. Right, mixed zebra and flower print bandeau bikini top, \$34.95, and side-tie bikini bottom, \$29.95, available at La Vie En Rose (lavianerose.com).



- Splash of colour — go orange!

on the back of pants and on the bust, and extra-long ties with tassels.

Smocking

This puckered, gathered elastic fabric is winding up on busts, on hips, or all over garments because it fits snugly, but still allows lots of movement.

The one-piece

One-piece bathing suits are back with a vengeance, especially for juniors, says Tomlinson. These allow the wearer to cover up a little more than a bikini does, while still drawing attention where you want it.

"It's not like your mom's Speedo," Tomlinson confirms.

NATIVE SKY BANDEAU BIKINI TOP, \$48, FAR LEFT, AVAILABLE AT ROXY (ROXY.COM), TOP, SAFFRON TANKINI TOP, \$39.95, AND SIDE-TIE BIKINI BOTTOM, \$29.95, AVAILABLE AT LA VIE EN ROSE AFTER JUNE 4 (LAVIENROSE.COM), LEFT, LA BLANCA — SHINE ON, \$142, AVAILABLE AT THE BAY (THEBAY.COM).



Accessories. What you need at the beach

Accessories aren't just a nice to have at the beach. They are a requirement.

Here are some of the top beach accessory trends for men and women:

Floral towel

Colours and prints are the order of the day, and the beach is the perfect venue to rock a bright, patterned towel with your new neon swimsuit.

"Tropical flowers make you dream of Hawaii or a Caribbean island getaway even if you're lounging on your pool patio," says John

Izzo, VP of design and product development at lingerie and swimwear retailer La Vie en Rose.

Canvas bag

At Roxy, it's all about mini and cross-body bags with beading, braiding, tassels, knotted details and charms. "That music festival look," says Tracey Tomlinson, the Ontario sales rep for Roxy swimwear.

For men and women, the canvas shoulder bag has made a big comeback over leather, as have mixed canvas

and leather versions.

Straw hat

Like the topless straw bow hat from La Vie En Rose, for women, or the Pierside 2 Hat from Quiksilver, for men, a straw hat is a beach mainstay that protects and looks sophisticated at the same time.

This summer, Roxy will be offering a wide-brimmed straw hat that transforms the wearer into a "hybrid between a cowboy and a Cuban," says Tomlinson. **STEPHANIE ORFORD**



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Fixes for your flat-screen TV

Decorative interest.

If you're not mounting your TV on the wall, here's what to do with that empty space



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Q: We love our apartment's Art Deco decor but the wall space around the television looks too bland. I don't want to hang the television, so what can I do to add some decorative interest?
Beatrice Sloane

A: This is a common problem when people choose to sit their flat-screen TV on a credenza rather than mounting it on the wall — they are left with a lot of space above the television and don't know how to treat it.



Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry.
BENJAMINMOORE.CA

As this is the focal wall in your living area, I suggest treating the walls with something that will add drama and style to the overall room without drawing too much attention to the space above the TV.

Paint the corner pillar a deep colour to allow it to be an architectural element in the room. I suggest Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry, a darker, more neutral version of the accent colour that you have in your pillows and rug.

You might want to carry this colour onto another focal wall area like the end of a hallway or in the bedroom. This will help create a con-

stant colour flow throughout the apartment.

Use wallpaper behind the television to add much-needed pattern and texture to the room. I love the Art Deco feel of Graham & Brown's Illusion wallpaper (\$60/roll), which highlights the square edges you have in your furniture. The good thing about wallpaper these days is that it's easily removed (simply peel) when you move out or change your colour scheme.

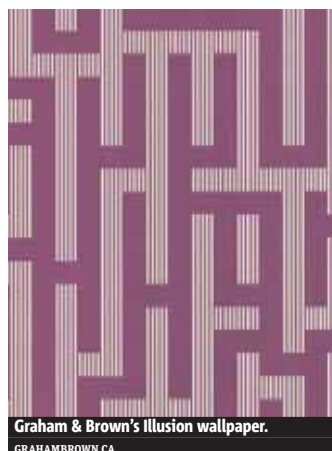
Hang something sculptural to help fill the empty space above the television, but not an attention-grabber like a large wall clock or painting.

The Starburst mirror from Crate and Barrel (\$247) has great Art Deco elements that will add a sculptural quality to the space. Hang it in the centre of the empty wall space, not directly above the television.

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This living room needs decorative interest on the empty wall behind the television. HANDOUT



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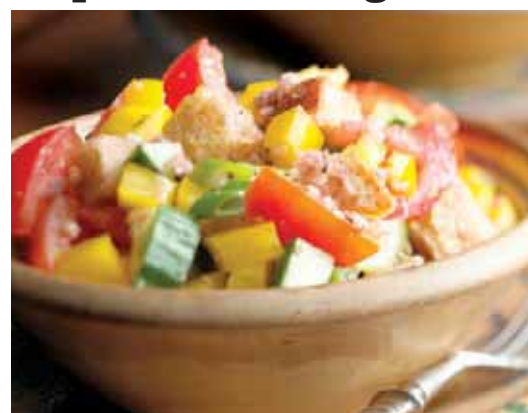
Top 5: May 2nd

- 5 The Wanted Glad You Came
- 4 Carly Rae Jepsen Call Me Maybe
- 3 Nicki Minaj Starships
- 2 Justin Bieber Boyfriend
- 1 One Direction What Makes You Beautiful

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Gazpacho Salad. Soup inspires refreshing tastes



1. In a small bowl, combine garlic, oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and rosemary.

2. Cut tomatoes in half cross-wise and gently squeeze out seeds; cut into 2-cm (3/4-inch) pieces. Place in a large bowl; add cucumber, yellow pepper,

green onions and croutons.

3. Pour dressing over top; toss well but gently. Let stand for 5 minutes to soften croutons.

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Ingredients

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sherry or red wine vinegar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- Pinch each freshly ground black pepper and crumbled dried rosemary

- 3 medium greenhouse tomatoes
- Half a greenhouse cucumber, chopped
- 1 sweet greenhouse yellow pepper, chopped
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) rustic croutons (2-cm/3/4-inch cubes)

Sports in pictures



1 Soccer.
1 Muamba
returns to Bolton

Fabrice Muamba made an emotional return to Bolton Wednesday, waving to supporters from the field less than seven weeks after his on-field cardiac arrest. The midfielder was introduced to a standing ovation ahead of Bolton's match against Tottenham.

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2 NHL. Habs
find their man

The Montreal Canadiens believe they have found the man who can lead them back up the standings, saying new GM Marc Bergevin is the total package.

The club introduced the Chicago assistant GM and former NHL defenceman as its new general manager Wednesday, just over a month after firing Pierre Gauthier.

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3 NBA. Award
for Chandler

Tyson Chandler, the catalyst for the New York Knicks' defensive improvement, was voted the NBA's defensive player of the year on Wednesday.

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Predators pull it together at home vs. Coyotes

Patric Hornqvist of the Predators chases the puck while pursued the Phoenix's Martin Hanzal in Nashville on Wednesday night. David Legwand and Mike Fisher scored and Pekka Rinne stopped all 32 shots he faced as the Predators topped the Coyotes 2-0 in Game 3 of their best-of-seven after dropping the first two games in Arizona.

GETTY IMAGES

Devils put pitchfork in Flyers' road to Round 3

NHL. Philadelphia not so dominant vs. hard-working New Jersey

After Philadelphia rolled over Pittsburgh in Round 1 of the playoffs, there was a perception the Flyers would be the team to beat in the Eastern Conference. Deep. Driven. Determined. You name it.

Getting by New Jersey in the

second round seemingly was a given, especially after the No. 6 seed Devils needed seven games to knock off Florida.

Well, it's time to revise that perception. Because, with Game 3 on tap Thursday in New Jersey, this series is tied, 1-1.

The Devils not only showed they could play with the Flyers in splitting the first two games in Philadelphia; they could easily be leading 2-0 in the series. They lost Game 1 4-3 in over-

time and dominated in a 4-1 Game 2 win Tuesday without leading scorer Ilya Kovalchuk.

"I think there is a pressure with being a favourite in a series," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Wednesday. "We felt that in the Florida series, and I don't think there is any doubt that it is on Philadelphia. That is something that isn't easy to deal with, when you are supposed to win and, not only win, but win convincingly."

The Devils clearly outworked the Flyers in Game 2. They outshot Philadelphia 35-20 and only Ilya Bryzgalov's stellar goaltending allowed the home team to hold a 1-0 lead after two periods.

But New Jersey blew the game open with four consecutive goals in the third. In doing so, the Devils took home-ice advantage — and confidence — back to New Jersey.

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NFL. Former linebacker Seau found dead at home

Former NFL star Junior Seau was found shot to death at his home Wednesday morning in what police said appeared to be a suicide. He was 43.

Police Chief Frank McCoy said Seau's girlfriend reported finding him unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest and lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful.

A gun was found near him, McCoy said. Police said no suicide note was found and they didn't immediately know who the gun was registered to.

Seau's mother appeared



Junior Seau
CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

before reporters, weeping uncontrollably.

"I don't understand ... I'm shocked," Luisa Seau cried out.

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MLB. 'I could have' misunderstood Clemens, Pettitte tells defence

With two short answers, Andy Pettitte called into question the validity of his testimony against Roger Clemens, part of a discouraging day for prosecutors in the retrial of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

After stumbling his way to a mistrial of Clemens last year, the government is struggling again in the retrial — to the point that the crux of Pettitte's testimony might be tossed out. First, the exasperated judge criticized the questioning of

Pettitte on Wednesday, then he ruled against prosecutors in another matter. Finally he cried out: "You're taking positions that are totally absurd to me."

During cross-examination, Clemens' lawyers asked if Pettitte might have misunderstood when Clemens supposedly acknowledged using human growth hormone to Pettitte in a conversation during the 1999-2000 off-season?

"I could have," Pettitte answered.

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SPORTS

Correction

Blue Nose marathon start times

Starting times for events in this year's Scotiabank Blue Nose marathon will happen between 7 to 8:55 a.m. on Sunday, May 20. Incorrect information was published in Wednesday's Metro.

Canada Basketball

Colley gets tryout with national team

East Preston's Justine Colley is one of 25 players invited to try out for the Canadian senior women's basketball team. Colley, who just finished her third season with the Saint Mary's Huskies, will participate in a tryout camp in Abbotsford, B.C., from Thursday through May 15. Three exhibition games against China follow.

If Colley makes the team, the point guard will participate in the FIBA Olympic qualifier in Ankara, Turkey, from June 25 to July 1.

METRO

On the web



Last year, the Dallas Mavericks topped the Oklahoma City Thunder en route to their first-ever NBA championship. In the playoff rematch a year later, the young Thunder appear to have learned from that defeat and are well on their way to sending the Mavs to an early exit. Scan the code for the story.

Soccer. Messi sets new European mark for goals

Lionel Messi broke the 39-year record for most goals in a single season in a major European league, scoring for the 68th time with a hat trick on Wednesday to eclipse former Bayern Munich striker Gerd Mueller.

The Barcelona forward set the mark with his third goal in the 4-1 victory over Malaga in the Spanish league at the Camp Nou, surpassing the 67-goal mark Mueller set for Bayern during the 1972-73 season.

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Lionel Messi duels with Malaga's Santiago Cazorla Wednesday.
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Shuffled Jays lineup routs the Rangers

MLB. Toronto takes two of three games from red-hot Texas

Wednesday's game

11

Blue Jays

5

Rangers

With the top of the order off to a mediocre start, Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell made several lineup changes for Wednesday's series finale against the Texas Rangers.

The moves paid immediate dividends as the club turned in one of its best offensive efforts of the season.

Kelly Johnson and Edwin Encarnacion homered and ace Ricky Romero earned his fourth win as the Blue Jays defeated the Rangers 11-5.

Farrell moved Johnson into the leadoff role and Yunel Escobar down to the No. 2 spot. Adam Lind got the day off so Encarnacion batted in the cleanup spot behind slugger Jose Bautista.

The Blue Jays responded with an 11-hit attack and took advantage of their opportunities against one of the top teams in the major leagues.

"I don't want to say it was just a pure shakeup of the lineup," Farrell said. "But I



Edwin Encarnacion, right, celebrates his three-run homer with teammates Jose Bautista and Yunel Escobar during the sixth inning Wednesday, in Toronto. FRANK GUINN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

think sometimes you put a guy in a different slot and all of a sudden they have a different view and maybe a fresh start and it worked out today."

Johnson hit a two-run shot in the third inning and Encarnacion added some insurance with a three-run blast in the sixth. Escobar chipped in with a three-run triple for the Blue Jays (14-11), who took two of three games from the Rangers.

Romero (4-0) allowed six

hits and five earned runs over eight innings. Reliever Joel Carreno, who was recalled from triple-A Las Vegas earlier in the day, had two strikeouts in a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

Both Johnson and Escobar have handled leadoff duties in their careers. Farrell wouldn't commit to locking them in at those spots but did say it's something the team may look to go with "for a little bit."

Johnson was asked if the switch to the No. 1 spot made any difference to him.

"Eleven runs difference today so I guess we'll stick with it," he said with a smile.

Texas scored four runs in the fifth inning but Encarnacion put the game out of reach with his team-leading ninth homer of the season.

It was the Blue Jays' second

straight home series victory as the club improved its record at the Rogers Centre to 8-7.

Texas cut into Toronto's lead in the fifth after Romero walked the bases loaded. Andrus knocked in two runs when centre-fielder Colby Rasmus misjudged the line drive and had it sail over his head all the way to the wall.

"You try not to panic in those situations," Romero said. "When things are going a little sideways, you've just got to slow it down. You've just got to realize that one, you're winning the game and two, you have a defence behind you that's going to make plays."

"That's what I was able to do. I came out after that and I was aggressive."

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Spurs gallop over Jazz

Boris Diaw takes a shot against Paul Millsap Tuesday in San Antonio. Tony Parker scored 18 points and the San Antonio Spurs handed Utah its second-worst playoff loss in franchise history, beating the Jazz 114-83 on Wednesday to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round series. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Gavel drops on Saints players for bounty scheme



Jonathan Vilma STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES

New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma was suspended without pay for the entire 2012 season by the NFL, one of four players punished Wednesday for participating in the team's cash-for-hits bounty system.

Defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove, now with Green Bay, was suspended for the first half of the 16-game season; Saints defensive end Will Smith was barred four games; and linebacker Scott Fujita, now with Cleveland, will miss three games. All were suspended without pay.

The four players have

Saints in purgatory

An NFL investigation determined that the Saints ran a bounty system from 2009-11 that offered thousands of dollars for big hits that knocked opponents out of games.

- In March, Goodell suspended Saints coach Sean Payton for all of next season and levied other penalties against the club.

three days to appeal NFL commissioner Roger

Goodell's ruling. NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith said the union would fight the penalties. Fujita is a member of the NFLPA's executive committee.

The NFL's statement said Vilma, Hargrove, Smith and Fujita were suspended due to "conduct detrimental to the NFL as a result of their leadership roles" with the bounties.

Originally, the league said that 22 to 27 defensive players were involved in the illegal scheme, which was orchestrated by then-Saint Gregg Williams.

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MLB

Red Sox's Fenway record worsens with loss to A's

Brandon McCarthy beat an AL East opponent once again, holding Boston to one run over 6-2/3 innings as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Red Sox 4-2 Wednesday night.

Seth Smith drove in a pair of runs for Oakland. The A's, who started the day with the majors' worst batting average and fewest runs in the AL, took two of three games from the Red Sox.



Alex Gonzalez reacts after striking out on Wednesday.
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Boston has lost seven of its last eight in Fenway Park.

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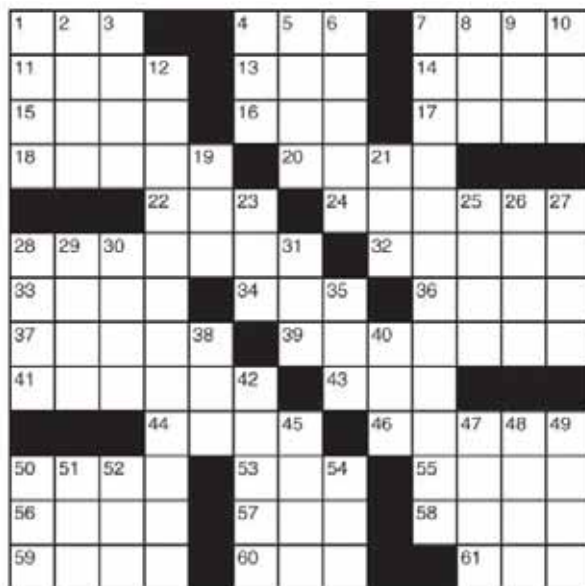
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14 "Do — others ..."
15 Burn somewhat
16 Can material
17 Birds' home
18 Necklace carving
20 Earring site
22 Chips accessory
24 Sweet tasting
28 Red
32 A portrayer of 007
33 California town
34 Manhandle
36 Gear teeth
37 Play out
39 Vegas winnings
41 Skin-related
43 Homer's interjection
44 Culture medium
46 Refuge
50 State with conviction
53 Gratuities
55 Start over
56 Platter
57 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
58 Adolescent

59 "You do the —"
60 Do some tailoring
61 Tatter
Down
1 Not fem.
2 On the briny
3 Thailand, once
4 Sternward
5 Seethe
6 Religious council
7 "Lassie" actress
8 Indivisible
9 With 10-Down, "— Unusual"
10 See 9-Down
12 "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" Oscar winner
19 Tin Man's need
21 Vagrant
23 Energy
25 Hen pen
26 Therefore
27 Examination
28 Coaster
29 Traffic pylon
30 Hebrew month
31 — Mahal
35 Bankroll
38 Playground game
40 Dove's comment
42 Gate fastener
45 Mature
47 Prognosticator



48 Notion
49 Composer's creation
50 Navy bigwig (Abbr.)

51 By way of
52 Superlative ending
54 Singer Tillis

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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OWKMHNXF UZZUIH EX LEA.
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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You would be wise to keep your money in your pocket today. Whatever gains you have made in recent weeks, you could lose.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Your persuasive powers are such that anyone will believe what you tell them. Should you take advantage of that fact financially? Of course.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Plans you made a long time ago are beginning to bear fruit, so keep your nerve and keep things moving.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Go out of your way to talk with people you don't usually get along with. It pays to be friendly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Try

to be a more ambitious and more assertive. Let important people know you're ready to move up.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Anyone who tries to scare you into doing something you don't want to do will fail abysmally.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You

may be tempted to bet against the odds today but before you gamble with your future, ask yourself whether you can afford to lose.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Don't keep your feelings to yourself today. Show emotions. People will respond to you better if they can see that you are vulnerable.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. According to the planets, you need to streamline your daily routine so you have more time to yourself.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

Don't waste time lamenting your run of bad fortune because it is already beginning to end.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

When pushed to extremes, you can mix it with the best of them and today you must not allow yourself to be defamed by someone.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You may be a nice guy but every now and then you go right the other way and reveal your ruthless streak.

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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7	2	8	5	1	3	6	4	9
3	6	4	7	9	2	5	8	1
9	1	3	2	5	7	8	6	4
6	4	7	1	3	8	9	2	5
8	5	2	9	6	4	1	7	3
2	3	8	4	5	7	1	6	9
1	7	6	3	2	9	4	5	8
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[†]Bonus AIR MILES offer is valid May 4-6, 2012 when you present your Collector Card at the time of purchase. Offer not valid on online purchases. No coupon required. Valid for a minimum purchase of \$50 in a single transaction, net of refunds and exclusive of taxes, discounts, and gift card purchases. Offer cannot be combined with any other AIR MILES Bonus offer. This is an exclusive offer and is non-transferable. The Children's Place reserves the right to change or cancel the offer at any time. ^{††}Offer valid May 4-6, 2012 after all discounts and exclusions are applied. 5x Bonus offer applies to base reward miles earned in a single transaction. Base offer is 1 AIR MILES reward mile for every \$25 spent at Toys"R"Us or Babies"R"Us locations in Canada (excluding Quebec) in each calendar month, after all discounts and exclusions are applied. Exclusions include, but are not limited to: all taxes, delivery services, assembly services, buyer protection plans, all gift cards, electronic levies, charitable donations, environmental fees, other third party fees and online orders created at store and shipped to customer. Other exclusions may apply. AIR MILES Vendor Bonus offers are only applicable to in-stock merchandise for the duration of the flyer. AIR MILES reward miles offers not available for online purchases. See store for details. ^{†††}Offer valid May 3-13, 2012. Earn 50 Bonus AIR MILES reward miles on an eligible purchase with a net transaction of \$300 or more in a single transaction, after discounts and before taxes. Offer excludes gift card purchases and prior purchases. No coupon required. Other exclusions may apply. See Jewellery Consultant for details. [‡]Offer valid May 5-6, 2012 at Michaels stores in British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia. Earn 3x the reward miles on a purchase of \$40 or more. Offer applies to the total base reward miles earned on a qualifying purchase. AIR MILES Collector Card must be presented at time of purchase. Qualifying purchase must be spent in a single transaction. No coupon required. Michaels base offer is 1 reward mile for every \$20 spent in each calendar month, including taxes and service fees. Reward miles will be posted to AIR MILES Collector Account within 60 days of purchase date. ^{††}Offer valid May 4-6, 2012. Earn 10x the AIR MILES reward miles on each item when total purchase is over \$100 (excluding taxes). Base offer is 1 reward mile for every \$20 spent excluding online shipping and taxes. Bonus offer applies to each item when the purchase totals the required amount. No coupon required. Limit 1 offer per transaction. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer. No cash value. Offer valid at time of purchase only, applies to total base reward miles earned and cannot be combined with any other offer. Please allow up to 90 days after the offer end date for Bonus reward miles to appear within your Collector Account. ^{†††}Offer is valid on new, individual Transat Holidays vacation packages only including airfare and a minimum of 7 nights accommodation at an Occidental Hotels and Resorts property booked between May 4-6, 2012 for departures May 4 - October 31, 2012. Not applicable on group rates, child fares or last-minute bookings (21 days or less prior to departure). Bonus offer cannot be combined with any other promotional offer. Limit of one Bonus offer per room booked. Other conditions may apply. Full offer details are available from your Marlin Travel Professional. Marlin Travel is a division of Transat Distribution Canada Inc. ON Reg. #50015084. BC Reg. #23567. Head Office: 191 The West Mall, Suite 700, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 5K8. Offer code: SRSP120C. ®™Trademarks of AIR MILES International Trading B.V. Used under license by LoyaltyOne, Inc. Sponsor trademarks are owned by the respective Sponsor or authorized for their use in Canada.

